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Community Engagement Settlement & FNCFS

Photos Ashley Lightning

Words by Guide

February 13, 2024

The Community Engagement about the Settlement and First Nation Child and Family Services (FNCFS) took place at the HBMC with a lot of questions from the people. Chief Vernon Saddleback along with the Samson Councilors were all in attendance to answer questions after the presentation.

The First Nation Child and Family Services (FNCFS) is related to Canada's Supreme Court

ruling in June 2019 which is an Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families which is now law since 2020. The ruling makes First Nations in Canada able to decide their own child and family services. The reason being native children are over represented in foster homes and child services. This law will make Samson Cree Nation the sole decision maker in these cases and not the federal government. The Liberal government took the initiative on this law.



Valentine's Amazing Race



February 14, 2024

Samson Cree Nation: The Valentine's Amazing Race took place at the Four Nations Arena in Samson. Coordinator Yvonne Nepoose took the Acimowin editor on the course before the participants to show me what they could expect. Yvonne explained that you have to have physical and mental coordination when you are doing the course. You have to think about the community because some of the answers are about Samson. For instance, the five mile sign has Love on it which was a question in the race. Participants had to know where the NNADAP office was and other local agencies like Community Wellness or the shelter trailers. If you plan to enter the amazing race you

must have a vehicle. The rules will be given to you and the next one will be in March 2024 so watch for the poster and sign up quickly because there is always people entering.

The Valentine's Amazing Race would like to say thank you to the following for the assistance: Maskwacis Health Services, Samson Chinese Foods, Four Nations Arena, Samson Community Wellness, NNADAP, The Outreach Team, Hawk Radio for the live on location, volunteers and Daystone Catering.

There were 16 participants this year. 1st Place Leann & Dick Buffalo. 2nd Delorna Makinaw-Buffalo. 3rd Danielle Crane & Tara Simon.



February 7, 2024

Elder Albert Yellowbird

from Pigeon Lake let the Acimowin run these photographs below. Albert said they are of his Dad, Jacob Yellowbird. The photos were taken about the 1950s in Pigeon Lake. In the original photographs the lake appears blue. It looked different back then than it does today.

Dr. Johnson is the other man in the

photograph. Dr. Johnson was from Wetaskiwin and Albert mentioned that he was his family doctor long ago.

Alberta has stories back to the 1960s and even farther back of how it used to be back then. That is when The Pass was in effect. You could not get anywhere without The Pass. If you don't know what The Pass system is check out: www.thepasssystem.ca



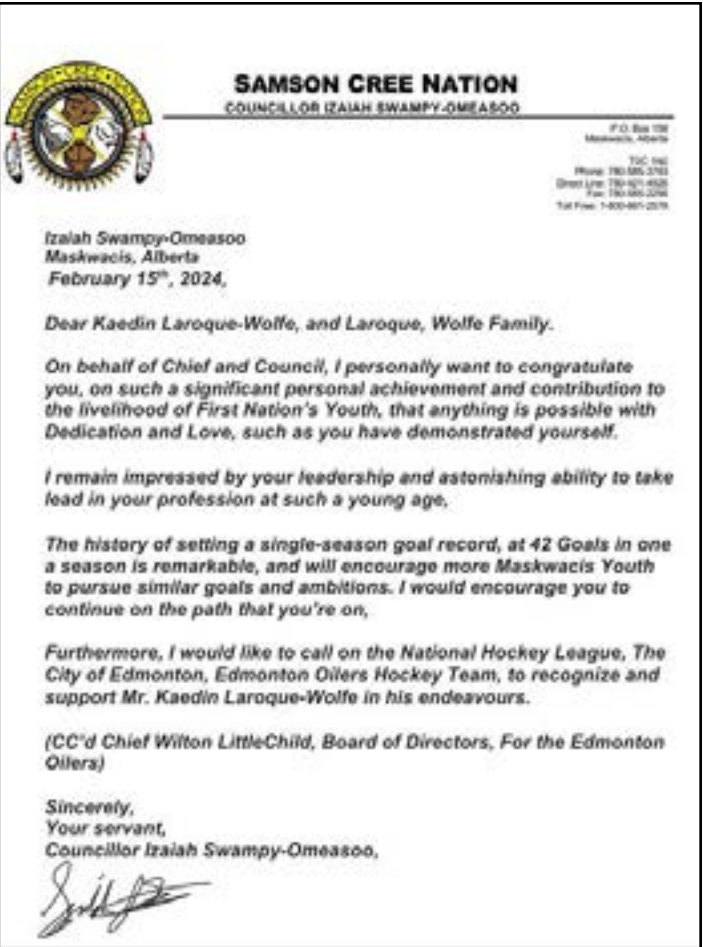
February 20, 2024

The Cree Market took place at the HBMC and there were about 10 vendors set up. Shopping local means the money stays within the community and provides income for the vendors.


Everyone is welcome to visit and buy lunch, sometimes there are hot lunches you can buy such as Kaylee Crane's fundraiser with buffalo/moose burgers.

Magpie Junction was present with native jewellery. They will be starting their Facebook page as of today so check them out on social media or email them for inquiries: dandcmagpiejunction@gmail.com or call 403-913-5268.


The Samson Youth and Sports Development (SYSD) runs the Cree Market and if you want to set up a Table please call 780-585-3012. It's \$20 a Table. The market runs on the 20th of each month.



Business Section





Samson Cree Nation
Cree Tribal Administration Building
PO Box 150, Maskwacis, Alberta T0C 1N0
P: 780-585-3793



COMMUNITY NOTICE

RURAL WATER AND WASTEWATER O&M DEPARTMENT PILOT PROJECT

January 11, 2024

Project Overview

Samson Cree Nation is one of only two Nations across Canada who have received pilot funding for the creation and administration of an Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Department dedicated to servicing the water and wastewater infrastructure of the Nation's 850+ rural homes, located both in Samson Cree Nation and in Pigeon Lake.

The department will operate under the Tipishadahi (Grant) Filler, and will include the hiring of 10+ staff positions, and purchase of capital infrastructure (incl. servicing trucks and equipment). The Nation is very excited to pilot this new department to address aging infrastructure and Drinking Water Advisories. We hope that our Nation can serve as a model for other First Nations across Canada who seek to improve public health for rural community members. We expect to be posting for the new positions over the next 2-3 months. Keep an eye out on the Samson Cree Nation App and Facebook Page!

What Does This Mean for Me?

In short, a new department brings a lot of opportunity for growth, improved health conditions and hope for a better future. We expect to see:


- 10+ New Job Opportunities for Nation members, including on-the-job training
- Improved household water quality for rural Nation members
- Increased sovereignty for our Nation through the ability to look after our own water and wastewater systems and advocate for the necessary funding for Canada to fulfill Treaty obligations related to water

Questions? Please Contact:

Chief Simon
Water Project Coordinator
Tipishadahi (Grant) Filler

E.cormier@scn.ca
P: (780) 585-3793 ext 149

Stay Hydrated,
Samson Cree



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

DEPARTMENT: GOVERNANCE OFFICE

SUMMARY:

Samson Cree Nation has a term position as Navigator for the Governance Office. Under the general supervision of the Governance Office Manager, the Navigator performs navigation services for the Leadership and Administration to enhance the requests from the Nation membership. Responsibilities of the position include synthesizing information and providing recommendations for action; preparation of recommendations; prepare reports and various other materials; providing first point of contact for both telephone and in-person inquiries; knowing what resources are available within the Community for various requests.

The ideal candidate for this position will have the following qualifications:

- The incumbent in the navigator role will be responsible for connecting individuals with resources necessary to meet their needs whenever possible.
- The ultimate focus of the Community Navigator is to improve access to resources for individuals and families with prevention and with a goal of establishing effective communication and support.
- A High-school Diploma with some post-secondary coursework in Business Administration, Administrative Assistant, or related discipline.
- Five (5) years of related experience.
- Computer proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Teams, OneNote), creating and maintaining electronic data base and files, report writing and editing skills.
- Exceptional organizational and time management skills with strong attention for detail is required.
- Exceptional customer service skills including anticipating needs and performing all tasks in a professional manner.
- Analytical skills, instructional skills, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work with confidential and sensitive information while maintaining strict confidentiality and discretion measures.
- Possession of a valid Alberta driver's license and satisfactory driving record with access to reliable transportation.
- Current clear criminal record check must be provided by the successful candidate.

CLOSING DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE SCREENED
To be considered for this position, you must submit all necessary documents, (Application, Cover page, Resume, Certification Licenses, Criminal Record Check, Driver's License)

For applications and further information, please contact:
Samson Cree Nation Telephone: (780) 585-3793
Personnel Department Extension: 149
Box 150 Fax: (780) 585-3888
Maskwacis, Alberta T0C 1N0 Email: personnel.122@gmail.com



Samson Head Start
& Samson Youth and Sport development
are joining forces to bring you another
fun filled family friendly celebration!

Family Day '24

Sunday February 25, 2024
12:00p m to 5:00 pm
Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre

- Bouncy Houses
- Face Painters/Glitter Tattoos
- Balloon Twisters
- Photo Booth
- Door Prizes
- Be a part of the festivities!

All are Welcome!



Samson Head Start
Craft Workshops with local Artisan
Kenisha Roan

📅 FEBRUARY 2024

FEB 5-6	DENTALLIUM SETS February 5 from 9am to 4pm February 6 from 12pm to 4pm @ Samson Head Start Building
FEB 16	RIBBON DRESS MAKING February 16 from 9am to 4pm @ Samson Head Start Building
FEB 19-23	PARFLECHÈ BAGS & EARRINGS February 19 from 9 am to 4 pm February 23 from 9 am to 4 pm @ Samson Head Start Building
FEB 26-27	QUILLING February 26 from 9am to 4pm February 27 from 12pm to 4pm @ Samson Head Start Building

SCN Parents/Caregivers with Children ages 0-6 years old.
"Maximum of 5 participants per class"
To sign up or more information please contact email Kenisha:

➔ keniisharoan@yahoo.com



STOP VIOLENCE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

OPEN SUPPORT GROUP- (MAX 20 PEOPLE)
FEBRUARY 26, 2024
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

- LUNCH PROVIDED
- TRANSPORTATION IF NEEDED (LOCAL)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
780-585-3834

LOCATION: SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS

SAMSON COMMUNITY WELLNESS
NNADAP

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS

LOCATION: NNADAP HOUSE

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY:
JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 8
FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 7
MARCH 21, APRIL 4
APRIL 18, MAY 2

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL THE NNADAP OFFICE
825-299-0056

January 18, 2024

Hello and good day Guide, thanks for your email.

You can find us on Facebook, I believe TikTok as well and our website is in the process of creation. Our company started out in 2021 with lawn care moving into the Landscaping and Removals (Junk & Snow), for this type of work, at the moment, we require general labourers: must be physically fit and attain Proper PPE & Safety gear, also vehicle ownership is preferred.

In the very near future, as our company grows and expands, We will have more employment

positions available ranging from office positions to field work to consultants.

For the upcoming business creators, Believe and Focus! Remember that life happens and it is how one responds to the situation that truly counts.

I hope this helps and again, thanks for reaching out, also attached is our flyer.

Ay Hai, ☺

Jordan & Angelina Buffalo
Founders & Co-Owners
780.362.1887 / 780.312.9881

Maskwacis

DAUGHTERS OF TRADITION

*DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS
*BUILD HEALTHY IDENTITY
*HAVE & BE A MENTOR

13 WEEK PROGRAM
STARTING FEBRUARY 13TH, 2024

EVERY TUESDAY
SCW WILLOWVIEW
(4:00-5:00 P.M.)

EVERY THURSDAY
PIGEON LAKE REC
(4:00-5:00 P.M.)

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT SCWPROGRAMS.COM OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

PLEASE CALL SCW FOR MORE INFORMATION 780-585-3634

AGES: 7-12 YEARS

This program provides a prevention education program that will enable youth ages (7-12) to create healthy identities for themselves as young Native women.

YOUTH WHOLISTIC TEACHINGS

AGES 13-17 YEARS

REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT SCWPROGRAMS.COM OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

LOCATION: SAMSON WILLOWVIEW (TEEPEE ROOM)

EVERY THURSDAY
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

PLEASE CALL SCW FOR MORE INFORMATION 780-585-3634



February 21, 2024

Words/Photos: Ashley Lightning

samples. The purpose of this event was to build capacity, educate, and use the resources that are available to us.

“A couple of weeks ago, **Samson Community Wellness** had an **Ice fishing** event on January 27 & 28, 2024 at Pigeon Lake. This event allowed members to learn how to ice fish, set a net, and take some fish home. They also identified, measured, and collected fish and water

#samsoncreenation #maskwacis
#samsoncommunitywellness #icefishing
#ThrowbackThursday

photo credit: Ashley Lightning, SCN Communications.



YOUTH SACRED VOICES

AGES 13-17 YEARS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
SCW WILLOWVIEW
(4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.)

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT SCWPROGRAMS.COM OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

PLEASE CALL SCW FOR MORE INFORMATION 780-585-3634

2BBOYS

AGES: 8-14

BOYS WELL-BEING GROUPS

10 WEEK PROGRAM
STARTING FEBRUARY 13TH, 2024

EVERY MONDAY
SCW WILLOWVIEW
(4:00-5:00 P.M.)

TRANSPORTATION & SNACKS PROVIDED

2BBOYS program is designed to assist in connecting to their true selves in an empowering, respectful, healthy and dynamic way. The program focuses on building skills to help boys excel socially and emotionally

REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT SCWPROGRAMS.COM OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

For more information please call 780-585-3634



February 19, 2024

the kids played on the bouncy castle.

Words/Photos: Acimowin Editor.

Pigeon Lake Recreation Centre: Family Day took place at the recreation centre and there were a lot of youth and parents. Marcella Dion and her team organized the event and they were getting some games going for the children. There were hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks available while

Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council (MCTC) and Samson Community Wellness sponsored the event.

Some of the activities were for the adults while they waited like beading. There was also arts, crafts and games.



Correctional Services Canada

Services correctionnelles Canada

Employment Opportunity

Pe Sikikwê Cwam, Correctional Service Canada is seeking two highly qualified individuals for the positions of **Administrative Assistant** in Maskwacis, Alberta. The successful applicants will be subject to a 90-day casual to start, with the possibility of extension.

Essential Qualifications:

EDUCATION:

- A secondary school diploma or a satisfactory score on the PSC test approved as an alternative to a secondary school diploma or successful completion of a provincially/territorially approved secondary school equivalency test, or an acceptable combination of education, training and/or experience.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience in the provision of administrative support.
- Experience in the use of various software programs such as: Excel, Microsoft Word, Outlook, PowerPoint.

PERSONAL SUSTAINABILITY:

- Effective interpersonal relationships
- Reliability
- Thoroughness
- Initiative
- Integrity

Asset Qualifications:

ABILITIES:

- Ability to establish and maintain a bring forward (BF) system and files.
- Ability to set priorities.
- Ability to control incoming/outgoing correspondence.
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Organizational Need:

Member of an Employment Equity group: Indigenous peoples, racialized groups, persons with disabilities and women. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Correctional Service of Canada and the Samson Cree Nation, preference may be given to Samson Cree Nation members.

The successful applicant must be able to obtain a Reliability Clearance from the Government of Canada. This clearance will be obtained prior to any work beginning by the successful applicants.

Please send your resume, two direct supervisor references and direct inquiries to:

Pe Sikikwê Cwam
Attn: Sherron Ouellette-Buffalo
P.O. Box 1580
Maskwacis, Alberta
T9B 5R5-4104
Email: Sherron.Ouellette-Buffalo@CSC-SCC.GC.CA

Canada

New Job Opportunity

Rural Water and Wastewater Operations Manager

Description

This exciting job opportunity represents the next big step in decades of effort to ensure funding from Indigenous Services Canada to support operation and maintenance for our rural water works and septic systems for our members in Samson Cree Nation and Piqon Lake.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to work alongside a dedicated team to create and then manage a new department that will include approximately 10 employees. This new department represents progress and hope for our Nation. It will proactively address water quality concerns, making life better for thousands of our Nation members.

Under the supervision of the Tipashkake Kanik General Manager and direction of the Nipiyish committee, the Rural Water and Wastewater Operations Manager will be responsible for the creation, management, and effective operation of the Samson Cree Nation Rural Water and Wastewater Department.

Your Opportunity

We are recruiting a policy-driven individual who has the background and experience to support the development of this new department and to provide guidance on hiring, training and onboarding activities of staff. Eventually this role would be responsible for managing the day-to-day activities with an estimated staff of 10 employees.

This position is awarded through a three-phase project that is supporting the development of a new Rural Water and Wastewater Department. The position offered is a term position renewable over 3 years with the expectation that the role would transition into a permanent position as a long-term funding agreement is secured. The long-term funding agreement is contingent on performance of the department over the first three years.

Key Responsibilities

Department Creation (6 months - 3 years)

- To help build and grow this new department providing overall structure, creating the relationships and collaboration necessary with the internal team and external stakeholders and developing functional working processes.
- To establish and develop a team who can support the functions and day-to-day operations. This would include helping with the internal team to identify roles needed, hiring, training, and onboarding of the new staff.

Department Operations (including all of the below (from 6 months and ongoing))

- Management of department staff (approximately 10 people)
- Development and implementation of department work plans and budget
- Reporting department progress to senior manager, committee(s), Board, Administration, leadership and membership as required
- Attending training as required
- Use of the LORIS ToolKit for data collection, workforce management and reporting.
- Collaboration with other Nation departments, Indigenous Services Canada, third party vendors, regulatory agencies and Public Health agencies.
- Ensure Regulatory compliance for infrastructure that the Department is responsible to maintain.

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T9B 5R5-4104
Email: Sherron.Ouellette-Buffalo@CSC-SCC.GC.CA

Canada

Qualifications

Your Capabilities and Credentials

Strong verbal and written communication skills.

Strong computer skills (MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Project Management)

Proven ability to think critically and strategically.

Ability to provide leadership to develop initiatives and accountability for achieving results.

Must be a self-motivated individual with excellent organizational, interpersonal and project management skills.

Desires for continuous self-improvement and improvement of department performance

Excellent knowledge of financial management — Leads with a strong sense of service to Chief, Council and staff.

Understanding of Nation financial programs and procedures and effective with budgeting and financial reporting.

Ability to speak and understand the Cree language is an asset.

Education and Experience

Mandatory

- Minimum 2 years post secondary education
- Minimum of two years management experience

Preferred Education or Experience

- Operations of ground-water wells and/or onsite septic systems, including applicable certifications
- Human resources
- Business administration
- Financial administration
- Public health
- Project management
- Understanding of relevant regulatory requirements
- Geographic information system (GIS) familiarity

Other Requirements when applying

- Must submit a Clear Criminal Records check, Resume with at least 3 references, and cover letter.
- Must have a Driver's License and submit a copy.
- Must have own transportation; submit copy of Insurance and Registration.
- May be subject to Drug Test if required.

This description is not a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that may be required of the employee and other duties, responsibilities and activities may be assigned or may be changed at any time without reasonable notice.

CLOSING DATE: March 1, 2024

INTERVIEWS: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Applicants will be screened, only those who have the qualifications will be contacted.

For applications and further information, please contact:

Samson Cree Nation Telephone: (780) 585-1200

Nipishkopahk Wellness and Social Development

JOB DESCRIPTION

Executive Assistant

Summary:

The Executive Assistant will report to the Senior Manager of NWSO. The Executive Assistant is responsible for the coordination of the office by ensuring effective procedural methods are developed and maintained. The incumbent will be required to take direction and work independently to support the completion of the department's goals and objectives in a professional and culturally appropriate manner.

Responsibilities:

1. Manage the office for the Senior Manager for Nipishkopahk Wellness and Social Development,
2. Record meetings of the NWSO Standing Committee and Manager's meetings,
3. Ensure meeting minutes are transcribed in expeditious manner,
4. Responsible for meeting logistics including:
 - booking rooms,
 - preparing all financial requirements of meetings,
 - prepare agendas,
 - ensure Managers have submitted reports,
5. Process department payroll in an efficient manner,
6. Will coordinate the department's administrative activities in an effective, up to date, and ensure accuracy,
7. Records all reports of absence and ensures leave forms are properly documented,
8. Ensures all pertinent employee documentation is properly filed,
9. Actively participates in the department's strategic planning sessions
10. Work cooperatively with all team members to support the achievement of work plan activities designed to achieve identified goals and objectives
11. Operates office equipment such as computers, fax machines, photocopiers, voice mail messaging systems and computer scanning equipment to complete department tasks
12. Performs clerical functions such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors, arranging conference/zoom calls, and scheduling meetings for the Manager or designate,
13. Coordinates and organizes department meetings and conferences including meeting venue bookings, catering requirements, sets up the room with audio-visual equipment and flip charts and tends to other requirements of department meetings,
14. Completes internal and external correspondence, legal documents, form letters and other documents, and distributes them as directed,

15. Assists in the coordination of significant special projects in cooperation with other groups as directed by the Manager, or designate,
16. Develops, implements and maintains procedures within the department,
17. Arranges for travel including making hotel accommodations and land and air transportation bookings,
18. Understands and adheres to all Department policies and procedures,
19. Will perform administrative support to the Sr. Manager in accomplishing their roles and responsibilities. This includes:
 - Assists in the development and distribution of staff schedules
 - Produce forms, schedules, and correspondence as required
 - Completes confidential administrative services for the Sr. Manager
 - Produces and/or assists in the production of all required internal and external reports
 - Regularly reviews progress on standard department deliverables and takes appropriate action to ensure timely completion of all department tasks,
 - Coordinates liaison activities with other departments,
 - Assists in the development of the department budget and ensures spending remains within acceptable variances,
 - Supports the Sr. Manager in addressing any personnel matters within the department,
 - Verifies and records department staff compliance with the departments administrative and financial policies and procedures, including travel expense claims and staff attendance reports,
 - Prepare financial, expenditures and payment authorization forms, and administrative documents for authorization by the Manager, such as cheque requisitions, purchase orders, etc.
20. Will serve as the coordinator of the departments' information, reporting, and communication strategies and activities. This includes:
 - Oversee the development of an accurate and up to date records management system (including classifying and coding electronic and hardcopy files) and an electronic filing system for the Sr. Manager
 - Prepares detailed presentations and reports as required by the Sr. Manager or designate
 - Ensures the safeguarding of all confidential files both paper and electronically
 - Provides website updates to the IT department to ensure up to date department information is posted on the internet/ website
 - Creates database and/or processes to accomplish tasks
 - Coordinates and completes department communiques to internal and external audiences
 - Provides troubleshooting in various areas as required
 - Provides the Sr. Manager with regular updates on the status of Administration.
21. Manages NWSO calendar, and the Sr. Manager.
22. Work collaboratively with NWSO Administrative Assistants and liaise with the Nation's EA's.

Augustana Round Dance

AUGUSTANA CAMPUS GYMNASIUM
4901 46 AVE, CAMROSE AB

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

DOORS OPEN: 5 p.m.
ROUND DANCE: 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
STEW & BANNOCK (while quantities last)

MCs: Elmer Rattlesnake and Hal Eagletail
Stickmen: Dylan Bruno and Nathan Rattlesnake

First 15 Drummers Paid

Vendors & Raffle

Security On-Site

Alcohol Free Event

Free Parking

Concession

Campus Tour 8 p.m.

Contact Information:
EMAIL: trina1@ualberta.ca
PHONE: 780-679-1626
ualb.ca/augevents

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Deadly Dad's Round Dance

March 29th, 2024

HBMC - Howard Buffalo Memorial Center
Maskwacis, AB
6PM - Midnight

Qualifications:

- Administrative Assistant diploma or related diploma or certificate
- Minimum of 3 years experience in a similar position.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Possesses knowledge, respect and sensitivity to Cree culture
- The ability to speak and understand Cree language
- Demonstrated and significant front-line experience in working with First Nation communities
- Must possess strong organization, evaluation and problem-solving skills
- Must be able to communicate effectively in writing and verbally
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and Google
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have a valid driver's license and possesses own vehicle
- Must submit a Criminal Record Check that includes a "Vulnerable Sector Check".
- Must submit contact information of three (3) references.

Please submit the required documentation to:

SAMSON CREE NATION PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Phone number: 780-585-3793

Email: personnel.179@gmail.com/jrain.scn@gmail.com

Deadline for Applications:

February 29, 2024

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Income Support

Administrative Assistant

Summary:

The Administrative Assistant will report to the Income Support Manager. The Administrative Assistant is required to perform a variety of general administrative and clerical services. The Administrative Assistant will be required to both take direction and work independently to support the completion of the department's goals and objectives in a professional and culturally appropriate manner.

Responsibilities:

- Will coordinate the department's administrative activities in an effective, up to date, and accurate manner by:
 - Work cooperatively with all team members to support the achievement of work plan activities designed to achieve identified goals and objectives,
 - Prepares payrolls and payroll in efficient manner and ensures accuracy, ensure leave forms are properly submitted,
 - Prepares logistical information for travel when required,
 - Record staff meetings when required and ensure minutes are available in a timely manner,
 - Ensures filing is completed in an efficient manner,
 - Ensure Tpsor bills are processed and mailed out immediately when received from clients,
 - Operates office equipment such as computers, fax machines, photocopiers, voice mail messaging systems and computer scanning equipment to complete department tasks,
 - Performs clerical functions such as preparing correspondence, and receiving visitors,
 - Completes internal and external correspondence, legal documents, form letters and other documents, and distributes them as directed,
 - Schedules and coordinates required repairs to office equipment,
 - Maintains adequate office supply to all department supplies used within the department
 - Understand and adhere to all Department policies and procedures.
- May be required to cover the front desk when the Receptionist has to be away, or other duties as directed by the Manager.

- Regularly reviews progress on standard department deliverables and take appropriate action to ensure timely completion of all department tasks

Qualifications:

- Administrative Assistant diploma or related diploma or certificate,
- Minimum of 3 years experience in a similar position in a First Nations social service agency,

Knowledge and Skills:

- Possesses knowledge, respect and sensitivity to Cree culture and be committed to helping First Nations families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of well being,
- The ability to speak and understand Cree language is an asset,
- Knowledge of First Nations family structures and culture,
- Demonstrated and significant front-line experience in working with First Nation communities,
- Must be able to communicate effectively in writing and verbally,
- Computer knowledge including: Spreadsheets, Microsoft Office Suite and Google,
- Must be able to work flexible hours,
- Must be able to work in a stressful environment.

Please submit the required documentation to:
SAMSON CREE NATION PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
 Phone number: 780-585-3793
 Email: personnel.179@gmail.com/rain.scn@gmail.com
 Deadline for Applications:
March 8, 2024



COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Job Posting

Shelter Security

Summary:

The Shelter Security are under the direction of the Community Wellness Manager and under the supervision of and will report to the Outreach Team Lead/Community Wellness Manager. Shelter Security are front line shift employees and they are responsible for the security of clients.

Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Ensures a safe, secure facility 24 hours/day,
- Ensures the clients and staff are safe at all times,
- Conducts initial intake and forwards to the Supervisor for authorization,
- Conducts contraband and weapons protocol; room/package/purse searches and through general observation,
- Follow appropriate critical incident reporting, including emergency situations, with accompanying documentation,
- Maintain a comprehensive and accurate log and record of events that occur during the shift,
- Ensure the safety of staff and clients by conducting periodic perimeter checks,
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- Ensures proper protocol is in place for emergency evacuation procedure,
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Required Qualifications:

- Security training is an asset,
- Must be able to produce written reports and have computer knowledge,
- Able to maintain strict confidentiality,
- Excellent people skills, must be able to communicate to sensitive issues tactfully,
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Please submit the required documentation to:
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 Phone number: 780-585-3793
 Email: personnel.179@gmail.com/rain.scn@gmail.com
 Deadline for Applications:
February 23, 2024



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Feeding the Future

February 20, 2024

Interview with Carmella Cutknife, Integrated Family Services, about the Maskwacis Parents Place, American Sign Language (ASL), Autism Support Sensory Friendly Valentines Party at the NOK building in Ermineskin.

Guide: So what did you think about the Valentines Party yesterday?

Carmella: It was a really good turnout. We have two programs we run: the Autism Support Group and ASL. Normally we don't get that many people. I was expecting a little crowd and I was shocked that we had a lot.

So Maskwacis Parents Place is an organization that serves all of Maskwacis.

So we are getting that exposure. Although we've been here since 1996, I have just now started getting out into the community and creating programs for people who need it. We are a four band program so we try and move it to other nations every year. It's good that we get out so that people see us.

Guide: When did you learn American Sign Language?

Carmella: I started to learn American Sign Language in 2018.

Guide: How long did it take you to learn it?

Carmella: About one year. It took me about a year to get fluent. I would say now I am intermediate. I am not advanced and I would not be able to be an interpreter yet. Although that's a goal. You need two year

interpreter training to be certified. There are no people of colour who are interpreters in Alberta.

Guide: So we need some native interpreters out there.

Carmella: Absolutely, yes we do.

Guide: So on average it might take six months to a year to learn ASL?

Carmella: Although we don't give certification at our ASL we follow the textbook. The textbook comes in two units, two books, and if a person wants to learn we spend at least a year with them. We get them to learn conversation, alphabet, family members and teaching them deaf culture. Deaf culture has its own culture.

ASL is free and open to everyone in Maskwacis. We welcome people who are not from Maskwacis. We had some school teachers come and join us one time. As long as they are working with our children it is not a problem.

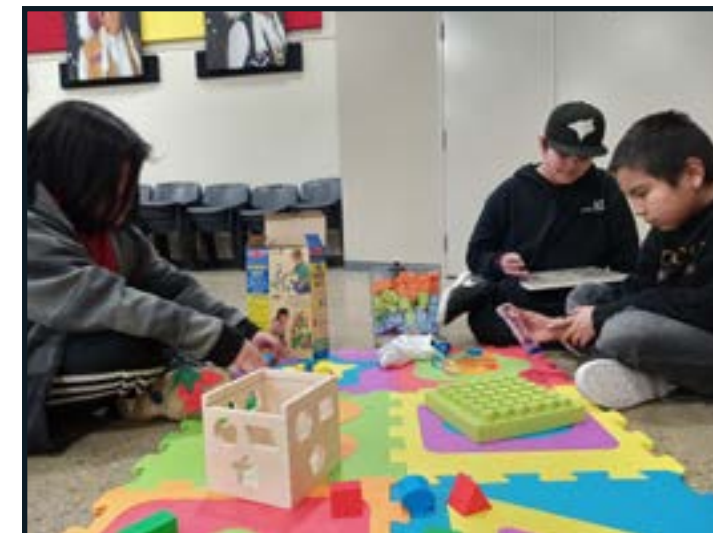
Guide: Do you have any upcoming programs and services that nation members should be aware of?

Carmella: We continue our ASL classes every Wednesday from 5-7 PM at the HBMC classroom. I provide transportation, lunch and supper. I always provide food and any materials that we need. Crystal Wolfe, my facilitator, is part of the Canadian Indigenous Deaf society and has recently decided to do a culture camp for the deaf. People will come from across Canada for this camp. It has been approved by Canada and it will be in Maskwacis. It will

be in the Summer of 2025. They have a year to plan and we will have people who are deaf coming in from all over Canada. We are planning that now and we hope to have it at Bear Park.

Please join us. Give me a call, Carmella 780-585-2254. I can pick you up for our programs and I can drop you off at home.

The more we learn ASL it's more inclusive



for the deaf community. I always keep one thing in mind: we as hearing people can easily learn ASL but a deaf person can never learn to hear. We have a responsibility as society to be inclusive.

Guide: Thank you Carmella.



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gangs Drugs 10-9PM HBMC. AA Shelter 5PM.	2 HBMC Youth Conference.	3
4	5 Communications Meeting 10AM.	6	7	8 AA Shelter 5PM.	9 Acimowin	10
11	12 ECD Level 1 Training Starts. Cultural Teachings Pigeon Lk.	13 Community Engagement HBMC 10AM.	14 Amazing Race. Sensory Friendly Valentines Party NOK building.	15 AA Shelter 5PM.	16 ECD Level 1 Training Ends.	17 Poundmakers Lodge Roundance. Flora NW Sober Dance Montana.
18	19 Family Day HBMC 12-5PM. Treaty Tryouts. Cultural Teachings Pigeon Lk.	20 Cree Market.	21 Cultural Basket 10AM HBMC. Youth Pow Wow Pigeon Lk. Community Eng.	22 AA Shelter 5PM. Cultural Basket 10AM HBMC. MCSS Equine Therapy.	23 Acimowin MHS Sober Dance HBMC. Cultural Basket 10AM HBMC	24
25	26 Cultural Teachings Pigeon Lk. Domestic Violence Support Group 10AM.	27 Basketball Pigeon Lake 5PM.	28 Youth Pow Wow Pigeon Lk.	29		

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Camrose Augustana UofA Round Dance	2 MESC Open House.
3	4	5	6	7	8 Acimowin International Womens Day	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins.	11	12	13	14	15 MCSS Round Dance HBMC.	16
17 St. Patricks Day	18	19 First Day of Spring. Equinox.	20	21 MEC Job Fair HBMC 10AM.	22 Acimowin	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday. Round Dance Deadly Dads HBMC 6PM.	30
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